

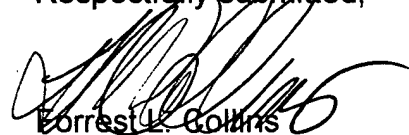
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Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject considered allowable following appeal to the Patent Office Board of Appeals and Interferences. Claims 1, as well as dependent claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and claim 12 that all depend from claim 1 should now be considered allowable. Claims 2, 7, and 9, and claims 13 through 18 inclusive have been cancelled without prejudice.

An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions they may directed to the undersigned.

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